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MFA HAS PASSED US FOLLOWING CABLE DATED JUNE 16 FROM MRS.
MANALO (FROM PATTAYA) WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN
QUOTE: FROM AMBASSADOR ROSARIO MANALO: PLEASE INFORM
JOHN MELLOR AND/OR SAMMY LEE OF US EMBASSY THEREAT, ASEAN
MINISTERIAL MEETING HAS AGREED TO THE DATES 3-4 AUGUST
1978 FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ASEAN-UNITED STATES
DIALOGUE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THE MEETING DECIDED THAT
THE COMPOSITION OF THE ASEAN DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE LEFT
TO THE INDIVIDUAL ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES AFTER THE
PHILIPPINES HAD INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE UNITED STATES
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HAD INVITED THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH THE REQUEST
THAT THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS BE ALSO INCLUDED IN THEIR
DELEGATIONS.
- IT IS CERTAIN THAT MINISTER CARLOS P. ROMULO WILL
LEAD PHILDEL AND BE ASEAN SPOKESMAN AND MINISTER VIRATA
WILL BE HIS DEPUTY LEADER. MINISTER RAJARATNAM WILL LEAD
SINGAPORE DELEGATION WHILE THAI DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY

MINISTER UPADIT PACHARIYANCKUN. THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFORMATION YET AS TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS EXCEPT THAT IN THE CASE OF INDONESIA, FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR

KUSUMAATMADJA AS OF THIS INSTANCE WILL NOT BE GOING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN VIEW OF ELECTIONS ON 8 JULY 1978 IN MALAYSIA, MINISTER RITHAUDEEN COULD NOT YET COMMIT HIMSELF TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

- THE MINISTERIAL MEETING, IN DISCUSSING THE US ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION THE PRIORITIES AND AREAS OF IMPORTANCE THAT THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS DECIDED UPON IN JAKARTA LAST 5-6 JUNE. THE ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT OTHER NON-ECONOMIC SUBJECTS IN DISCUSSING THE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA. THE MINISTERIAL MEETING DID NOT PROPOSE A COUNTER AGENDA. THE MINISTERIAL MEETING REQUESTED THE PHILIPPINES TO CONVEY TO THE UNITED STATES THE FOREGOING POINTS AND THAT THE TASK OF ARRANGING THE AGENDA ITEMS SHALL BE LEFT TO THE UNITED STATES SO AS TO ALLOW SECRETARIES VANCE AND BLUMENTHAL AND OTHER US OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. MESSRS. JOSE FERNANDEZ AND RONALD ALLAREY WILL CLARIFY THESE POINTS TO US EMBASSY AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN MANILA. THE ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING ALSO TOOK NOTE OF THE US ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ASEAN-UNITED STATES DIALOGUE AND THIS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERPRETED BY THE PHILIPPINES AS COORDINATOR TO MEAN THAT CERTAIN FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN LEFT TO THE COORDINATOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THIS SCHEDULE END AMBAPHIL. END QUOTE. MURPHY

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